

How long the virus survives on commonly used library, archive, and museum **surfaces**

REopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) is a research partnership between OCLC, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Battelle. It is conducting research on how long the COVID-19 virus survives on materials that are prevalent in libraries, archives, and museums. This document covers results related to surfaces of furnishings and exhibits.

MATERIAL	DAYS OF VIRUS SURVIVAL	Image
Marble	2 days	
Brass	2 days	
Laminate	6 days	
Glass	6 days	
Powder-coated steel	6 days	

* For more information about the items and materials tested, please visit oc.lc/realm-project.

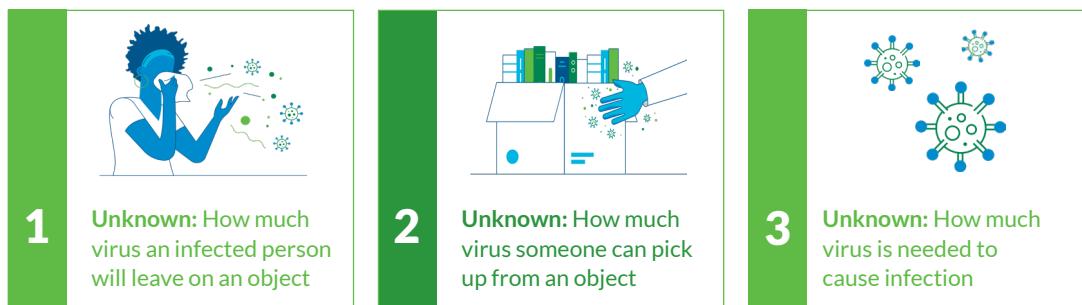
How testing works

REALM is testing a wide variety of library, archive, and museum materials. Infectious virus is applied to materials and then measured at selected time points to capture the drop in total virus.

Visit oc.lc/realm-project for project plans, test results, and new resources as they become available.

The “known unknowns”

Knowledge about COVID-19 is still emerging from the scientific community. Keep the following “known unknowns” in mind when interpreting and applying REALM data.



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